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SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF LAFTA MEETING AT BUENOS AIRES

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1. SOURCES FAMILIAR WITH LAFTA HAVE INFORMED US THAT THE MEETING WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT BUENOS AIRES AT THE END OF APRIL IS TO BE POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE OR JULY. THE DEFINITE DATE WILL PROBABLY BE SET WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

2. THIS WAS TO HAVE BEEN THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF THREE MEETINGS TO BE HELD DURING 1974 TO ANALYZE THE PROGRESS OF LAFTA AND TO RESHAPE ITS STRUCTURE. THE OTHER TWO MEETINGS AT QUITO AND MONTEVIDEO WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE POSTPONED BUT WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

3. THE REASON FOR THE POSTPONEMENT IS SAID TO BE THE FACT THAT THE ANDEAN GROUP HAS NOT YET ARRIVED AT A JOINT
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NEGOTIATING POSITION AND IS NOT EXPECTED TO DO SO BEFORE THE END

OF MAY.

4. AT THE BUENOS AIRES MEETING, THE LAFTA COUNTRIES WILL PROBABLY BE FACED WITH A PROPOSAL FOR THE CREATION OF AN "ATLANTIC BLOC", CONSISTING OF ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, PARAGUAY, URUGUAY AND MEXICO. THE CONCEPTS ON WHICH SUCH A BLOC WOULD BE ORGANIZED ARE NOT YET CLEAR BUT THE MUTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND CONCESSIONS WOULD BE MUCH MORE MODEST THAN THOSE WITHIN THE ANEAN BLOC.
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